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Mr. Alex Nuttall, M.P.
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Dear Mr. Nuttall:

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Thank you again for writing.

Respectfully,

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September 16, 2016

The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister:

I am writing to advise you of a concern that is of importance to a number of my constituents in the riding of Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte, regarding the legalization of marijuana.

On August 30th, 2016, Sunrise Medicinal in Barrie ON was shut down after the city police raided two marijuana dispensaries with Controlled Drug and Substance Act warrants. This closure has caused difficulty for those constituents who used their services for medicinal relief of their health conditions. This closure has impacted their accessibility to medicinal cannabis, and as a result, many have requested that we forward their concerns to the current Liberal federal government to take action on legalizing marijuana sooner than later.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could update us on the government's plan and timelines to legalize marijuana, so that I can respond to my constituent's concerns. We would appreciate follow-up within 30 days of receiving this letter.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this request.

Sincerely,

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Alex Nuttall
Member of Parliament,
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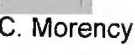
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Tuesday November 29th, 2016

The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
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Dear Minister:

I am writing to you to raise concerns that have come to my attention regarding the report of the Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation.

In June you appointed Anne McLellan to lead this task force and to advise on the creation of a framework for the legalization of marijuana, which is scheduled to be released on November 30th. Those who have a potential interest in profiting from a legalized marijuana regime will be watching this report closely as it will help largely shape the regime of legal marijuana sales and production.

Two businesses that have a significant interest in this market are the Canopy Growth Corporation and the Aurora Cannabis Inc. These medical marijuana businesses have a significant interest at stake for their hopes to profit from a wider legal marijuana market.

On November 15 there was a sudden and unusual surge in the stock values of these companies. If this surge was driven by someone with knowledge of what the Task Force will be recommending it would be highly concerning.

I would request that you take every step possible to ensure that there has been no premature release of the taskforce reports or its contents. It is important that you move quickly to fully examine these circumstances and whether anyone who had access to the report allowed the information to be released. Canadians need assurances that no one is receiving and profiting from privileged access in order that public trust in our institutions not be degraded.

Yours sincerely,

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Alex Nuttall, MP

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